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■ TRACK AND FIELD: Record broken

Crossley high jumper sets Ontario record

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PELHAM — When Shyla Cardy went to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) track and field championships she knew the record for the midget girls high jump was 1.74 metres.

The Grade 9 student at E.L. Crossley Secondary School also knew that gold standard was set way back in 1984.

However, she always thought a new record would be within her considerable reach. Indeed, Cardy achieved her personal best of 1.75 metres while competing at a club meet last summer in Windsor.

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■ FIREFIGHTERS: Honouring the past



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Fonthill Volunteer Firefighter Association members remember volunteer firefighters who died through the years in an annual ceremony in front of a memorial stone at Fonthill cemetery Sunday. The association, which dates back to the 1920s, reads off the names of volunteer firefighters who have died after laying down a silver helmet for volunteers and a gold one for officers along with a flowered helmet-shaped wreath from the association.

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■ PLANNING: Reverse of recommendation

Zoning fixed for farm repair business

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The brakes have come off a rural Pelham couple's plans to repair farm equipment at their Church St. home.

At a May 22 committed meeting town politicians and 3-3 members of the public applied for 275 Church St. to allow John and Sue Campbell to commercially work on tractors, horse trailers hay wagons and other farm-related equipment.

The tie vote meant the rezoning bid was rejected.

But at Monday's council meeting, Ward 2 Coun. Gary Accursi successfully moved to strike down the refusal and approve the Campbells' request.

"It complies with all the policies and provides value added features for a farm operation," he said.

The applicants, he said, are prepared to provide buffering to protect neighbours.

He rejected an argument made at the committee level that the town relied on permits issued for commercial enterprises.

"To date there was only one complaint about what the Campbells are doing," he said. "For that reason they applied for proper zoning."

Accursi said, "if we didn't allow changes we would have never moved past Temperanceville," a remark referring to an earlier name of Fonthill symbolic of its prohibition of alcohol.

He asked whether councillors were willing to defer a zoning refusal before the Ontario Municipal Board.

Ward 3 Coun. John Durley said the town had a policy of balanced growth and this was an example of such growth.

"If we deny this we deny our specific strategic plan," he said.

Still, Ward 1 Coun. Richard Rybiak opposed changing the refusal.

"Just because change is recommended, it doesn't mean it should be made," he said.

Neighbours live in the area expecting it to remain agricultural. The application changes the life they are living, he said.

Mayor Dave Augustyn also opposed the change in zoning, pointing out the property at Church St. and Webster Rd. is just a short distance from properties used for commercial enterprises.

Some of those are vacant, he said, noting there are already farm vehicle repair operations in the Fenwick area.

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■ HOUSING: Rittenhouse Estates to occupy old Fonthill Mazda site

Pelham St. subdivision gets nod

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Zoom zoom.

That could be how Mike Hassani wants Pelham's planning process to proceed. He's anxious to get to work on a new subdivision planned for a long-vacant property that once housed Fonthill Mazda.

"It will depend on getting permits, but we would like to start work in September," said Hassani, owner of the property at 1145 Pelham St.

Town council's general committee has recommended approval of draft plan of subdivision and rezoning bylaw for Rittenhouse Estates.

The project calls for a three-storey commercial and apartment complex facing Pelham St. with six townhouse units and 10 single detached houses behind.

The complex would include a health centre and commercial operations on the ground floor with 20 apartments on the second and third floors.

In answer to questions from town councillors, planning director Craig Larmour said the project would include a buffer landscaping at the back of the commercial building. It would



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Pelham town council's general committee recommended acceptance of rezoning for the Rittenhouse Estates development at 1145 Pelham St. The project will include a three-storey building with a health centre, commercial space and 10 apartments.

be built close to Pelham St. so a parking behind it to increase the distance between it and neighbouring residences.

Ward 3 Coun. John Durley said there was concern from neighbours that the apartment building will be incom-

patible for the area.

Local residents said under current zoning the building could be higher. Plans to plant trees and shrubbery around the borders would provide a growing screen.

Still to be determined is a location of a park in the

Tanner Dr. and Willson Court area.

The committee's recommendation for Rittenhouse Estates will go to the regular meeting of council on June 18 for final approval.

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■ PROFILE: Darren Ottawa

New Pelham CAO learned his trade in small communities

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Pelham News Staff

PELHAM — A military management style doesn't work in a municipality.

"I know, I've tried it," said the town of Pelham's new chief administrative officer.

Darren Ottawa, a former soldier with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, said he quickly learned you have to foster a collaborative style when it comes to leading a municipal team.

"I started with a military model," he said.

"It was a complete failure. You can't translate it into the public service."

He realized quickly you have to work closely with those around you.

"I'm like the quarterback of a team who marshals the resources and comes up with the best approach possible."

It is a leadership role, he said.

"At times, you have to say something controversial or not agree with it," Ottawa said. "But you have to remember to treat people with the respect you would like to be treated with."

With the public, the new CAO intends to be accessible and transparent.

Ottawa, 41, took over the Pelham CAO's job on May 28 after moving his wife, Paula, and four children under age 7, with a U-Haul from Grande Cache, Alta.

He was CAO in the Rocky Mountain community after his first administrative jobs in Churchill and before that South Indian Lake in Manitoba.

Ottaway sat at his first town council meeting last

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Darren Ottawa

week receiving a warm welcome from Mayor Martin Yachim who called him a leader with demonstrated passion and professionalism.

Despite his western experience, Ottawa is an Ontario boy who grew up in Pickering, east of Toronto.

His soldiering took him to the Canadian Forces base in Shilo, Manitoba. An Army Forces bursar helped finance his political science degree from the University of Brandon near the base.

His first job came when he said he took advantage of an unexpected opportunity at South Indian Lake.

Ottaway spent five years there where he learned his trade.

"They let me make mistakes and learn from them."

Later he moved farther north to Churchill. It's a town of 1,000 on Hudson's Bay with polar bears and blue whales serving as frequent visitors.

A desire to bring their children closer to their grandparents prompted Ottawa and his wife, a public health nurse, to look for work in Ontario.

Pelham attracted him right from the start.

"I was thoroughly impressed with the community. It was right up my alley."

Pelham, he said, is a proactive, innovative community.

While it's larger than Grande Cache, "it is a place we feel at home," he said.

That was important to him and his family.

"It's a place where you get to know your neighbours, you're not lost in the crowd."

He and his wife have already moved into their Fonthill home, put the two oldest children in school and signed up at the library.

On his new job, Ottawa said, he's in a "look, learn and listen mode right now."

He is passionate about community development.

"You look for ways to make a community vibrant, successful and innovative."

It's about "creating a feeling of place," he said.

Working in municipalities in three different provinces under different sets of rules is not a problem.

"Municipal legislation is very similar across the country," said Ottawa.

"It's like speaking three dialects of the same language."

Basically, he said, the acts are the same built on key principles.

Municipalities are subservient to provincial masters who are reluctant to delegate powers, such as taxation, to municipalities.

"It boils down to understanding the process to achieve what you want to do."

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Pelham's new chief administrative officer Darren Ottawa is settling into his office at the Pelham Municipal Building. He began his job on May 28 replacing Martin Yachim who retired.

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Firefighters keep tradition

Firefighters keep traditions especially volunteer firefighters.

They march in parades, hold fundraisers and this year's Shorthills Volunteer Fire & Rescue Association's Strawberry Festival, and honor the passing of former members at funerals.

Sometimes, however, responding to alarms can affect schedules. It happened Sunday with an annual memorial service to formate Fonthill Volunteer Fire Association members.

Early in the morning, 30 Pelham volunteer firefighters from all three stations (Fonthill, Fenwick and North Pelham) rushed to Fonthill to light a fire in a former church in the village.

"We sent trucks from all three," said fire chief Jim Phelps. They included the aerial to douse the steeple.

It was a mutual aid task with the West Lincoln fire department. Lincoln also helped. Houses beside the former church, under renovation to a home, were at risk.

Seven trucks on the scene, Phelps stayed in Pelham with a couple of trucks to cover the town.

The fire was contained in the morning. Just before the Fonthill cemetery ceremony at 1 p.m. alarms sounded again.

Formally dressed for the ceremony, volunteers went to assist at a medical call.

A little late, firefighters did arrive at the cemetery. They marched in. In front of a memorial stone, they laid silver and gold helments to honour volunteers and officers as well as a flowered helmet-shaped wreath from the Fonthill Volunteer Fire Association.

Two minutes of silence was followed by a reading of names of those lost since the last time in the cemetery. The firefighters then held a reception at the Fonthill fire hall for families. It was interrupted by another call to help a little girl cut by a lawnmower.

Ward 3 Coun. John Durey serving as deputy mayor had a concern.

He praised the firefighters during the memorial ceremony their tradition of "opening their hearts and their minds to the protection of their fellow citizens."

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Pelham changing through the years

You may recall that my last column was about the demographics of Pelham - that is, the study of human population for our Town. You see, Statistics Canada recently released new information from the 2011 Census. And, since they also provide information for communities from the 2006, 2001 and 1996 Census, one can compare the make-up and growth of our population over a fifteen-year period.

As you may know, Pelham is the fastest growing municipality in the Region. Since our last information in 1976, we have grown from 9,855 to 16,598 in 2011. That's a 66.4% increase!

The next largest increases are West Lincoln at 68.1%, Grimsby at 67%, Lincoln at 65%; the entire Region's population grew by only 28% during that period.

During the last 15 years, Pelham's population grew from 14,345 in 1996, to 15,275 in 2001, to 16,155 in 2006, and to 16,598 in 2011.

But, the story becomes more interesting when one looks at age groups.

For example, our Town's population of children (aged 14 and younger) declined in raw numbers over the last 15 years

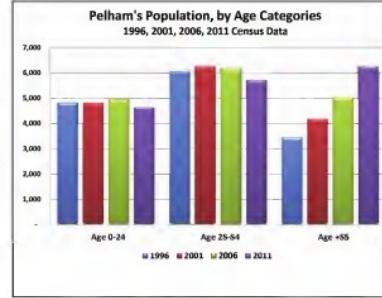


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MAYORALVIEW

from 2,920 in 1996 to 2,535 in 2011. This was a 13% decrease! It's no surprise, therefore, that the proportion of children to the total population also dropped 5% from 20% of our Town in 1996 to 15% in 2011. According to a 2008 Regional report, the proportion of children across the Region is expected to drop from 16.4% in 2008 to 14.3% in 2011.

What about our seniors - those aged 65 and older? In 1996 there were 1,925 seniors in Pelham; in 2011 Statistics Canada counted 3,450. That's a 79% increase! Seniors now make up 21% of our population, up from 13% in 1996. Across the Region, the proportion of seniors is expected to increase from 17% in 2006 to 27% in 2031.

Statistics Canada provides some very broad categories for comparison over the last decade-and-a-half. For example, Pelham's population aged zero to 24 declined 4% from 4,820 in 1996 to 4,635 in 2011. Our population aged 25 to 54 (the "working-age" population)



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declined more than 6% from 6,095 in 1996 to 5,715 in 2011.

So, broadly speaking, where was the majority of our growth concentrated? Those 55-and-older grew from a phenomenal 82% from 5,400 in 1996 to 6,255 in 2011.

(It is important to note that any demographic changes result from both new residents moving here, others moving away, and from the aging of current residents.)

While one must be cautious about broad comparisons from relatively small sub-sets of our population, these numbers appear to show a trend. As your Mayor, I would like to consider what these demographic realities mean for our current and future public services.

You may contact Mayor Dave Augustyn at mayordave@pelham.ca or read past columns at [www.pelhammayordave.blogspot.com](http://pelhammayordave.blogspot.com).

Housing market cools off in May

After a month of scorching hot results in April, local market activity cooled off slightly May.

Residential sales in the past month were down 20% from the level recorded in May 2011. According to the statistics of the Niagara Association of Realtors Multiple Listing Service MLS™ there were 18 sales in Pelham during the month of May compared to 25 during the same month last year.

On a year-over-year basis, there have been 80 homes sold so far this year compared to 78 as of the end of May last year.



Cathy
Berkhou-Bosse
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Hopefully, our local market momentum will rebound in June so that this year's annual results will not start dipping below 2011 levels.

The average price of homes sold during the month of May was \$351,155 up 6.6% from the May 2011 average price of \$329,450. Locally, our average price figure continues to be

skewed higher by record level high-end home sales.

About 50% of the homes sold in May achieved selling prices greater than \$300,000 with four of the sales being \$549,000 or higher.

The 12-month average selling price of a home in Pelham now stands at \$335,820, up 3% from last May's end figure of \$326,045. As of the end of May, the 12 Month average price for the Niagara Region was \$232,491.

So far this year it is taking an average of 87 days on the market to sell a home in Pelham - one week faster than

the average of 94 days recorded at this time last year.

This past month, the number of newly listed homes dropped off slightly with 47 new listings posted, 4% fewer than the 49 units added to the market during May of 2011. The effect of lower inventory levels continues to offset slower sales results leaving the overall housing market in balanced condition.

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ABOVE LEFT: Cole McCarthy of Fonthill Montessori School pets Niagara Search and Rescue dog Walter while Nancy Haywood explains the role of the volunteer non-profit group that assists in searches for lost children.

BELLOW LEFT: Harrison Shatford, left, and Hunter Lane give thumbs up to the Pelham Fire Department in a fire truck during Pelham Safety Day at Centennial Park Thursday.

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■ POLITICS: Vote explained

■ POLITICS: Tory leader remarks on failure

Bullying bill politicized, Hudak says

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PELHAM — Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak said his party voted Tuesday against the Ontario Liberal government's bill on bullying because the bill had sight of what bullying was all about.

"This should have been a motherhood and apple pie issue," he said in an interview Tuesday night.

The Liberals politicized it, he said. "We brought forward Bill 14 which the Liberals voted against."

The Liberal bill, he said, really focused on naming clubs in Catholic schools.

"It got away from the main issue of bullying," Hudak said about the government bill, which supported by both the Liberals and the New Democrats passed in the minority government situation.

"We have bullying over many things" including sexual preferences, patterns of speech and physical characteristics, said Hudak. "It even follows kids home."

The bill didn't go into that side of it, he added.

"I should have been about bullying itself."

Hudak was keynote speaker at a Pelham Business Association meeting in Lookout Point Country Club, Tuesday.

The MPP for Niagara West-Glanbrook said the unemployment rate for Niagara is one of the worse in the country.

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Tim Hudak knows where he went wrong.
In answer to a question about the 2011 provincial election from a Pelham Business Association member last week, the Progressive Conservative leader offered some self-criticism.

Hudak said he did a good job talking about what was wrong with the Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty's policies.

The Niagara West-Glanbrook MPP, however, told his Pelham constituents he failed "to do a good job of saying what is right about ours."

During the election, the Tories gained 16 seats.

"We won outside of Toronto but lost in Toronto," Hudak said.

The Conservatives and New Democrats both increased their number of seats and reduced the Liberals to a minority government by one seat.

Hudak told the PBA his strategy now is to go across the province and appear at town-hall style meetings such the PBA one at Lookout Point Country Club. He called it a way to get around big media and "try to talk directly to the people who pay the bills."

He followed up his speech with Hudak delivering his stump speech emphasizing four points in the Conservatives' "path to reining in spending with a public-sector wage freeze, reducing costs of doing business by way of lower taxes and affordable energy, creating 200,000 jobs in skilled trades by reforming journeymen-to-apprentice ratios, and following a 'pro jobs and pro growth



Tim Hudak, leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party and MPP for Niagara West-Glanbrook, speaks to the Pelham Business Association at Lookout Point Country Club.

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

attitude in government."

He said he did not want "to see Ontario as a have-not province for one more day."

In answer to other questions, he said he was against the closure of slots at racetracks. When his riding included his hometown of Fort Erie, he campaigned for the

slots at the track — now gone.

With the Liberal government proposing new casinos across the province, he said he favours referendums in towns and cities targeted for them.

On green energy initiatives such as wind turbines and solar energy, he said he supports a

return to local planning controls.

Hudak said a Conservative government would cancel the Green Energy Act and replace it with "a competitive and transparent policy" to develop forms of alternative energy.

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■ FONTHILL BANDSHELL CONCERTS: First show Thursday June 21

Freddy Vette and The Flames open series

For PelhamNEWS

Fonthill Bandshell Concert Series rolls into its seventh season Thursday, June 21, with a look back to the 1950s.

The 12 Thursday evenings at the Fonthill in Pelham Peace Park begins with Freddy Vette and the Flames with their 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. show.

It's been over 5 years since Rock and Roll first shook the world with it's new sound that kids loved and parents hated. This new music was sexy, fun, and some said, dangerous. The Devil's own messenger from Frank Sinatra to any critic at the time said it would rock the world.

Boy, they couldn't have been more wrong.

Rock and Roll from the 50's lasted well beyond that decade. The recordings of all of the great artists from that time still sell millions a year and sound as good as ever. However, nearly all of the artists who created the music are gone. Elvis Presley, Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, Carl Perkins, Ricky Nelson...

Anyone from that era will tell you that Rock and Roll was at its best and most explosive when played LIVE in front of a LIVE audience. A band rocking and rolling, sweating, giving it all,

whipping the audience into a frenzy that would scare parents, politicians, and PTA groups from every small town.

Someone has to pick up where the legend left off. Freddy Vette and the Flames have been doing just that since 2005, a band seemingly plucked from the past and transported 50 years into the future. Seven musicians and singers playing the hits of Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Fats, Chuck Berry and more. Their attention to not only the musical details but the visual presentation of this music is second to none.

Freddy Vette and the Flames captures the exuberance, the electricity, and the sheer FUN of ground-zero for Rock and Roll, the 1950's Walling stomp, thumping stand-up bass, every song an instant sing-along for the audience. At more than 50 years old, Freddy Vette and the Flames help keep rock and roll eighteen and fabulous. Welcome to The Ultimate 50's Rock and Roll Show!

The opening concert is presented by Fonthill Soysa.

Bandshell Booster buttons will still be available at the concerts on June 21 and 28.

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Love" and other anthems from the likes of Brenda Lee, and even Patrice Cline.

What? No poodleskirts, leather jackets, blue jeans, white T-shirts with the sleeves rolled-up?

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A quick play by pitcher,

■ BASEBALL: A week on the diamond

Mosquito Pythons play Welland

For PelhamNEWS

The Mosquito Studio 20 Pythons met the Welland Angels on June 4. The early innings saw some big hits, including doubles by Clinton Salduato and Ayden Brock. Both teams were scored by either team.

On the top of the third inning saw the Pythons douse the Angels' offense with back-to-back catches of fly balls by outfielders Josh D'Onofrio his second out of the game and Evan Kermahan.

The bats got to work in the bottom of the fifth inning, with a single from Andrew Avolio, and highlighted by Janas' second double of the game.

By the end of the inning, five runners had come home to give the Pythons a clear lead.

The Angels mounted a comeback in the fifth inning, but the Pythons responded. With the bases loaded, Ayden Janas sent the ball deep into the outfield and rounded the bases for the grand slam.

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Mathew Martel, brought the top of the 6th inning to a close, and with Sarah Salduato sprinting around the bases, a double by Sammy Ugolini and single from Devin St. John brought in the final run in the 6-4 win.

The Ronald Bell City Tiger Steelers had strong offensive efforts throughout the entire line-up on June 5th. Leading the way with three hits each were Carson Crysler and Drew McArthur; while Owen Dobbie, Jack Hughes, Ethan Engel, Brock Morden, Curtis Crysler and Jenna Dobbie helped out with two hits each.

On June 6, City Tiger struck early with five runs in the first inning and cruised to a rain shortened 9-2 victory.

Ethan Engel led the team with three hits.

Chipping in with two hits apiece were Brock Morden, Jenna Dobbie, Jack Hughes, Drew McArthur, Owen Dobbie, Carson Crysler, and Curtis Crysler.

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The Lunch Lady, led through the game only to have Niagara Falls score four runs in the last inning to hand the visitors a tough loss. Curtis Crysler was the star of the game for Pelham, driving in a run with a double and then delivering a long triple in the fourth, which scored three more runs.

Crysler was also sold at third base, making four tough defensive plays. Ethan Wells led Pelham with three hits while Owen Dobbie, William Baltruismunas, Alex Rubino, Wyatt Gibson and Drew McArthur all chipped in with two runs each.

The Mosquito Rep team, sponsored by Moissimo's, defeated the St. Catharines Majors club on June 4 by a score of 14-4. Max Blanchard had three hits and five stolen bases, and Alex Blanchard went two for two, with four steals.

Mitchell Carmichael also had two hits and four stolen bases. Max pitched two scoreless innings, and Alex pitched three innings with four strikeouts.



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■ EDUCATION: District and university contests

Crossley piling up computer honours



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Steven Norwood, left, James Loewen and Michael Prysiazyk have fired up E.L. Crossley Secondary School's computer programming reputation in school and university competitions. Loewen holds the Bob Christensen Trophy for the District School Board of Niagara computer programming championship. The school has won the trophy three years in a row.

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

E. L. Crossley has programmed itself into a computer powerhouse.

For the past three years, the secondary school has swept the District School Board of Niagara championship.

Individuals and teams have also scored well in university computer problem solving competitions from Waterloo, Brock and Western Ontario.

Crossley has won the Bob Christensen trophy for school board team championship three years in a row.

Grade 12 students James Loewen, Michael Prysiazyk and Steven Norwood finished one, two and three in district individual competitions.

In the contests, students are given four complex math and computer programming problems to solve in three hours.

"You use math, computer programming skills, logarithms, things like that," said Prysiazyk.

In competitions for Brock University and the University of Waterloo, the three again finished one, two, three in wider competitions involving more students and higher level problems.

"The Brock competition included

80 students from both the District and Catholic boards," said Crossley computer programming teacher Robert Hughes.

The University of Western Ontario staged the ECOO – Educational Computing Organization of Ontario – a four-member team competition. The Crossley trio was joined by classmate Macklem Curtis.

The team finished 18th among hundreds of high school teams from across the province.

"It was an outstanding finish for the school," said Hughes.

These students are exceptionally talented, he said.

"They have moved way beyond me," with skills reaching into university levels.

In his spare time, Prysiazyk is the school's chessmaster. He's undefeated in 100 games in a row representing Crossley in district chess tournaments over four years.

All three Grade 12 students are going to the University of Waterloo next year. Prysiazyk and Loewen are taking computer science while Norwood has signed up for mechatronics – a combination of mechanical, electronic, computer and software engineering.

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■ SUMMERFEST: July 19-22

Niagara College brings refined refreshment to Summerfest

SUMMERFEST COMMITTEE REPORT For Pelhamnews

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The wine which will sample comes from the Niagara College Teaching Winery, which features the first of its kind facility in North America.

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RECORD: High jumper sets bar higher

Cardy: 'Next year I'm going for 1.80!'

FROM PAGE 1

"I felt pretty good going into OFSAA. I knew I could make it in the high jump," said the 15-year-old who also achieved a ninth-place finish in the shotput at the three-day competition that wrapped up Saturday in Brockville.

Cardy's three attempts in the high jump was a series of successes. She cleared 1.56 and 1.75 metres, and then cleared her record to 1.77 when she fell just short — for now.

"Next year I'm going for 1.80" Cardy, who set a Zone 3 record with a leap of 1.70 metres, also competes in the javelin and is considering taking up pole vaulting when she returns for her second year at

Crossley in September.

She plans to take part in her first heptathlon this weekend. In addition to 200- and 800-metre races, the seven-event competition includes the 100-metre hurdles, high jump, long jump, javelin and shot put.

The daughter of Steve Cardy and Rita Sugin of rural Thorold feels good about her chances owing to the event's awarding points based on total overall points.

"You can finish second in every event and still win if you have enough points," said Cardy, who expects to do well in shot put and, oh yes, the high jump.

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ATHLETIC AWARDS: 'Rowing school' makes big splash in wide range of sports

Cyclone in championship forecast

BERND FRANKE
Pelham News Staff

as many years with the Crossley exceeding all expectations this year.

"We were ranked 12th but we wound up finishing eighth."

Make no mistake, Cyclone crews continued to dominate in rowing, on both sides of the border. Crossley raced to nine golds at the Canadian high school championships, which the school won for the 10th straight year, and celebrated "multiple winners" in the senior boats, including Sudbury Cup winners in Philadelphia.

Track and field enjoyed another outstanding year with coach Maryann Mergl taking 10 athletes to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) championships and returning from Brockville with three medals, including high jumper Shyla Cudby's second-seeding gold in the middle school girls division.

Middle-distance runner Megan Rempe won two medals for the second year in a row. She settled for the silver medal in the junior girls 1,500 and bronze after finishing first and third, respectively in the same events at the 2011 track championships in Sudbury, where she competed in the midget girls division.

Aussie Aussie Aussie... Middle distance runner for Crossley at this year's OFSAA finishing just out of the money with a fourth-place showing in the midget girls division.

It was the Cyclone's second trip to the girls hockey finals in

when they excelled in their sports. Koldin Collie and his twin sister Keegan pinned down gold and silver medals, respectively, at the Ontario Winter Games in Collingwood where they competing for the Brock Wrestling Club. And the school received an athlete community achievement award, which is given to students who compete at the club level.

"This award recognizes the tremendous commitment they put into sports, which sometimes leaves them too busy to compete in school sports," Blanchard said.

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■ CANADA DAY: Free family entertainment in Harold Black Park

Fonthill Rotary Club entertains youngsters

For PelhamNEWS

The Rotary Club of Fonthill will once again provide free family entertainment this Canada Day.

As part of the celebrations taking place in Harold

Black Park on July 1, the local service club will present a variety of activities to keep the young and the young at heart amused.

Besides sponsoring the Most Patriotic con-

test, the Rotary Club has secured a number of jump and bounce inflatables challenges from Niagara Inflatables, including brand new ones.

Refreshments include

sno cones and pizza and plenty of drinks. Even the young can find amusement in the pleasure of blowing bubbles.

New this year will be a horse derby race. It includes

a race track and six bouncy horses in adult and child sizes.

There will be a 16-foot screamer slide and Disney Toy Story bouncer this year as well, featuring favourite

characters in a large mural and on the expansive playground.

Among the other new attractions for this year is a penguin fish flag game, which features a five-foot-wide frame with two open holes for players. Players use a spring-loaded fish-flinger to get the penguins in the baskets.

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BUSINESS: Productive year: chair

Venture Niagara invested \$1.2 million in local businesses in 2011

For PelhamNEWS
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Dated this 8th day of June, 2012

William Vanderlaan and
Caroline Vanderlaan
by their solicitors
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